

Valley Bible Church
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The Cleansing of the Temple
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Introduction: Jesus is proclaimed “King.” He has entered Jerusalem. What will His first priority be? Jesus clears the temple of all those buying and selling. Jesus is moving to establish the temple as a house of worship. He is dealing with the sinfulness of man. To do this, two things had to be done.

1. The temple had to be purged of evil. The temple is the heart of Israel. To worship the heart must be purged of evil; **1 Corinthians 6**, our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
2. The temple needs to be set apart to do the will of God, in the strength of God, to the glory of God.

Jesus did not operate under His strength as God. He was man with the strength of the Holy Spirit just as we should.

The same Holy Spirit is given to us as was given to Jesus. This is worship to purge the heart of evil and do the will of God in His strength to His glory.